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## **Governor Musgrove Declares State of Emergency Due to Severe Weather**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove has declared a state of emergency in Mississippi as a result of severe storms that have battered the state since Monday. Musgrove signed the declaration this morning as tornadoes swept across counties in northern Mississippi.

“I declared this state of emergency based on the initial damage reports we’ve received from Itawamba, Chickasaw and Monroe Counties, but the declaration is for the entire state,” Musgrove said. “This storm system is strong and widespread, and we are prepared for any situations that may arise as a result.”

Preliminary reports from Chickasaw County indicate two homes have been destroyed and ten have received major damage, and one mobile home has been destroyed with three receiving major damage. Monroe County has reported damage and several injuries. A tornado touched down in Itawamba County late Tuesday evening, with three mobile homes reported as destroyed.

“The state of emergency will make state resources available to local governments as they work to respond to these very serious situations,” said Musgrove.

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